



**"HE KNOWS NOT HOW"**

MARK 4:26-29

*Parables of the kingdom;*

**The Kingdom of God/Heaven:** *The spiritual domain in which God rules over His subjects, and His subjects are delighted to have Him rule over them.*

*The progression of the parabolic teaching, and the perfect companion parable;*

**ACTS 16:30-31**

<sup>30</sup> Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> And they said, "*Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...*"

**EPHESIANS 2:8**

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God...

**—Understanding the elements of the parable—**

*The sower;*

**MATTHEW 13:37**

<sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man."

*The harvest;*

**JOEL 3:12-13**

<sup>12</sup> Let the nations stir themselves up and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. <sup>13</sup> *Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Go in, tread, for the winepress is full. The vats overflow, for their evil is great.*

**JOHN 4:35-38**

<sup>35</sup> Do you not say, "There are yet four months, then comes the harvest"? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. <sup>36</sup> Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

**MATTHEW 9:37-38**

<sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

**—What the sower does not do—**

*Knows;*

**JOHN 3:3-9**

<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is

spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

**The sower does not understand, and he is not bothered by his lack of understanding.**

*Grows;*

**1 CORINTHIANS 3:6**

<sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

**ROMANS 1:16**

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

**The sower understands the growth is out of his hands, and any interference on his part will be destructive.**

—What the sower does—

*Sows: the staggering primacy of preaching, teaching, and speaking the testimony of Christ;*

**1 CORINTHIANS 1:21**

<sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly (foolishness) of what we preach to save those who believe.

**2 CORINTHIANS 4:7**

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

*Sleeps: resting expectantly in the Lord of the Harvest;*

**MATTHEW 6:33-34**

<sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. <sup>34</sup>

"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

**EZEKIEL 3:19**

<sup>19</sup> But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

**ACTS 20:26-27**

<sup>26</sup> Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, <sup>27</sup> for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

*Reaps: the process that results in the harvest;*

**PROVERBS 4:18**

<sup>18</sup> But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

**ACTS 26:14**

<sup>14</sup> And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads."

**The sower bears an awesome responsibility;**

**1 CORINTHIANS 9:16**

...Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

***The sower bears no responsibility;***

**ISAIAH 55:11**

...so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

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